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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ROME

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
STATEMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY'S JULY 5 VISIT TO ROME.

2. DRAFT ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

MR. MINISTER, MR. AMBASSADOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THANK YOU,
MR. MINISTER, FOR YOUR WARM WORDS OF WELCOME. IT IS A PLEASURE FOR
ME TO RETURN TO THIS BEAUTIFUL CAPITAL OF A COUNTRY LINKED WITH
MY OWN BY SUCH CLOSE AND LONG-STANDING TIES OF BLOOD AND
FRIENDSHIP. WE CHERISH THESE TIES PARTICULARLY IN AN ERA WHEN
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ALL FIELDS HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY
IMPORTANT, AND WE TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION IN THE CLOSE COOPERATION
WE HAVE MAINTAINED. WE KNOW THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE
RELATIONS OF ALLIANCE AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
BE CONSTANTLY NOURISHED BY CLOSE CONTACTS, AND A MAJOR
PURPOSE OF MY VISIT IS TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WHICH WE
ATTACH TO ITALO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. DURING MY STAY I LOOK
FORWARD TO A FRIENDLY AND OPEN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
ON A VARIETY OF MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE
AT THE OUTSET THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS UNWAVERING IN ITS
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FIRM SUPPORT FOR A STRONG, PROSPEROUS AND DEMOCRATIC ITALY, AND

WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ITALY WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN A VIGOROUS AND UNITED EUROPE COOPERATING ON A BASIS OF EQUALITY WITH THE UNITED STATES. IT IS IN THE CONTEXT OF THESE CARDINAL PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN POLICY TOWARD ITALY THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR FORTHCOMING TALKS.

3. DRAFT DEPARTURE STATEMENT:

MR. MINISTER, MR. AMBASSADOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. THE FRIENDLY AND OPEN CONSULTATIONS WHICH I HAVE JUST CONCLUDED WITH PRESIDENT LEONE, PRIME MINISTER RUMOR AND WITH YOU, MR. MINISTER, HAVE SERVED BOTH TO PERMIT AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF IMPORTANT ISSUES AND TO ESTABLISH AND STRENGTHEN TIES OF PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WHICH I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING IN THE FUTURE. OUR TWO NATIONS ARE NOT ONLY LINKED BY A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP FOUNDED ON BONDS OF KINSHIP, BUTUAL INTEREST AND DEDICATION TO THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO BY OUR COOPERATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. BECAUSE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP, CONSULTATIONS OF THE KIND WE HAVE JUST CONCLUDED ARE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE IN HARMONIZING OUR APPROACHES TO MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND IN MAINTAINING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS ON THE SAME SMOOTH COURSE THEY HAVE HAPPILY FOLLOWED TO DATE. WITH THIS IN MIND, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE PROSPECT OF FUTURE MEETINGS WITH YOU, MR. MINISTER, AND WITH OTHER ITALIAN LEADERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY DURING MY VISIT. VOLPE

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